

Watson Park
Community Meeting on Status of Park Soil Sampling

Monday, March 13, 2006
Empire Gardens Elementary School

Community Discusión

Don

- The way the power point slide reads is misleading. Reflect more the make clear.
- Use of a community center in general. School multi-room is a great space; could the room be used as a community center?

Mary

- Space is being used by the school, after school programs, etc.

Beth

- Current lower Watson Park center maybe could be renovated.

Don

- Need a new community center at Backesto Park, why put money into something that's in a flood plain.
- How can the park and school space be best used?

John R

- Is upper annex being used as a preschool?

Debbie

- Has not been used as a preschool for 3-4 years. Building currently empty due to lack of staff. City is going through a re-use process for 34 community centers.

Diane K.

- Have creek be used as a natural place, trail.

M.B.

- Trail is planned. Ends at park. Someday may go north.

Aries

- Restrooms needed next to children's area.

Gary

- Boy's city may be used at school (boys and Girls club).

Albert

- May be. School has to agree.

Don

- Boys and Girls club could be used at school, is in line with what the community needs.
- Can self cleaning restrooms be used in place of buildings? Measure P restrooms are not holding up.

Jose

- When can we see layout of park plan?

M.B.

- July meeting to go over the park layout.

Chuck

- Results will be back then so we can do park layout.

M.B.

- Results will drive layout. Depending on results. May go back and forth with plan layout. August should be close to final.

Don

- Why is there just one community meeting? Not enough community input.

M.B.

- Not a lot of choices for layout, until we get layout.

Don

- Thought park would be pristine so can place elements where they want.

Karen T

- Depending on expected finds, some areas may be flexible. Most likely not all soil will be removed. Some areas may be capped. Unless find something unusual.

Don

- Other than gardens, what else really requires sensitivity depending on capping soil?

Karen

- Maybe Dog Park, but dogs usually do not dig. Gardens are the most sensitive. Others can be capped. Other areas are not as sensitive.

Don

- Acquire orchard land, move gardens into orchard area.

Karen

- Not in scope. (Orchard).

Don

- City should test as it is wanted in addition to park.

Roma

- Cindy will want concerns of park to move forward. If not, will take the time to make it correct.

Dennis

- Why has the park not been mediated before?

Frank

- Need to test the soil first. Find boundaries.

Gary

- Lives next to park. City has done excellent job testing. He is on top of what happens.
- Residents across the street should have a say of what happens at park. (Uses).

Jose

- How much money is set aside for park planning? Will costs be attached to plan?

Albert

- 800k soil sampling
- 237k skate park backfill
- 2 mil remediation
- Going after 750k waste board grant in fall
- About 3mil total
- Once we know more, looking to see if the park can be included in SNI budget as it is in the SNI area?

Chuck

- If Dog Park is reopened, let parts that can be opened sooner than waiting to do it all at once.

Mat

- Interested that process is done correctly & design has community input.

Albert

- May need to slide the April CPAC to end of May. Time to digest results
- Schedule discussed (CPAC & COMMUNITY MEETINGS).
- Aug. community meeting. Trying to stay ahead of schedule, but need to make sure input in process is community driven.

Don

- 237k for Skate Park. What happened to the 500k (2003-2004 budget)?

Albert

- Design, public works work is done. 237k is for construction, where ever it is placed.

Don

- Want the design built (skate park) that was signed off by community. Add money to it if needed. By time built, 237k may not be enough.

Don

- No more downtown races (grandprix).
- Put money into parks!
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7:40 p.m. /end